

Spring Into Easter

The awakening of Spring and the season Easter. How lucky can we be to watch this wonderful time of the year come about?

We've waited so long for a few days of warm weather and the heralding of the new season, Spring.

The Lenten season always seems to be a time of waiting for change. It doesn't matter how focused we become with the cleansing of our spiritual lives we long for it to be over so we can begin anew with changes we've recognized and tried to incorporate in our daily lives.

Here we are on the threshold of a new beginning. Spring. We watch as birds come back to their old familiar territories, beginning anew, building nests, searching for materials to fortify that place to raise their young. The ground becomes alive as grass starts to shoot up and flowers burst through the soil with a vengeance.

Soon we will be enjoying the bulbs we planted last fall as they burst once again into bloom. The trees will burst forth with buds and the leaves start to appear. It's a wonderful time of the year.

Life renewed along with the risen Christ. A time to rejoice and be grateful that Christ died on the cross for us. We can once again reflect on the miracle of His Ascension in heaven. The mystery of the cross, forsaking all worldly ways to say 'Let it be thy will'. Christ's ride into Jerusalem, being there seeing how the crowds embraced Him, only to be tried and convicted, nailed on a cross to die for our sins.

How the Church was moulded in those few days. His time spent alone praying. The Last Supper, how we commemorate this every time we accept the Eucharist, His body and blood.

Do we take all this for granted? I hope not. These events really happened. The bread and wine are transformed into His body and blood toady as when Christ shared the Last Supper with His disciples.

Let's all renew our Baptismal vows this Easter with a greater understanding as to the why. Don't be a Thomas. Believe with all your heart and soul. Christ died for us. He rose again and ascended into heaven. He is with us in our daily lives. We only have to ask and we will receive the blessings of God. Allow the light of Christ into your life and the world will unfold. It will become greater than you could imagine.

Easter is a time of renewal. A time of hope for the world. Every blessing you've asked for will be granted, not the way you've imagined but in a more God given way that will astound you. Allow yourself time, time to immerse yourself in all God has to offer. Let yourself be still. Reflect on the Resurrection of Christ. Become Christlike. Experience Easter with all the mysteries of the Risen Lord. Let it be a Joyful time. A time to renew as Spring brings forth new growth, you too can grow in the deeper faith of Christ.

Happy Easter
My view from this side of the pulpit
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